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## GRAND JURY WILL INVESTIGATE

### Judge Stout Orders Probing of Legislative Rumors.

### Third House Leaders May be Called to Explain Connection With Many Bills.

Hartford, Ky., April 4.—Judge R. L. Stout began the April term of the Circuit Court here today and created a sensation by giving explicit instructions to the grand jury to make a full and complete investigation of the charges of bribery made against members of the Legislature recently in session.

He told the grand jury that there was but one man more contemptible than a legislator who sells out his neighbors and friends by taking a bribe to vote against their interests and wishes, and that is the man who gives the bribe.

He said to the grand jurors: "I don't want you to think this is a mere formal charge. I want you to make an earnest and fearless investigation of this alleged bribery, about which the State press has been teeming for weeks. No particular legislator has been named as being guilty, but if there is any truth in these charges, I want you to fasten it on the ones who are guilty."

The scope of the investigation is untrammelled. The grand jury can summon before it as witnesses all members of the General Assembly, which adjourned sine die on March 15; also the best known members of the "Third House," those who were identified by newspaper accounts with the operations of that extra-constitutional body, and who at no time have entered any denial of such connection.

When there first were rumors current concerning alleged wrongful use of money to influence legislation Judge Stout was importuned to call a special grand jury to investigate the charges, but he refused at the time to do so, saying that he would instruct the April grand jury to make all inquiries into the matter.

Now the matter is in the hands of the twelve men who were impaneled today and who sit for six days unless by an order of the court they sit longer. It is within their power to summon witnesses from all parts of the State and to inquire of these witnesses on oath what each knows or has heard concerning the allegations which have been given publicity in the press or on the streets or anything which in any way will tend to help in ascertaining the truth or falsity of the charges.

In view of the fact that there recently has been a legislative inquiry in New York, and that there has been a grand jury investigation in Pittsburg, it is of interest to review the provisions of Kentucky law with respect to bribery.

The punishment of a legislator who is convicted of accepting a bribe is forfeiture of office, fine of from \$200 to \$1,000, ten years' suspension of his rights of suffrage, and forever to be barred from holding a position of public trust or profit.

It is not known if the present grand jury investigation will go further back than the session of the Assembly just closed. There was all sorts of talk concerning the Bradley-Beckham Senatorial race of 1908, but nothing ever came of it, and the charges of spending money generally were regarded as baseless, or, even if true, not to be proved.

Of course the most noted piece of legislation in connection with which rumors of illegal use of money were rife was the County Unit bill, which was defeated in the Senate by a small majority after passing the House of Representatives by a vote of better than 2 to 1.

But there were other bills which were mentioned, including the Newcomb telephone bill, placing these public utility companies under the control of the State Railroad Commission; and prescribing maximum rates for the same, and the Louisville "riper" bill, in the defeat of which its backers professed to read the

liberal use of money as the only possible reason why it should have been kept off the statute books.

The State press devoted most of its space—and by the State press one must be understood to mean the smaller newspapers outside of Louisville, Lexington, Paducah and Owensboro—in criticism of the defeat of count option extension, to the publication of alleged pledges of members who were elected to the Senate to support that bill, and drawing the inference that for some ulterior reason apart from a change of viewpoint, the members singled out had voted against the bill, or had found it convenient to be absent when the bill was agitated on the floor of the upper branch of the Assembly.

If the scope of this inquiry be extended to the length to which it may go, some interesting revelations are expected. When placed upon the stand members of the Legislature and members of the "Third House" might give to the grand jury an illuminating insight into conditions which hem in the course of the body politic, as exemplified in the biennial Assembly sessions at the State Capitol.

In the columns of the Louisville (Continued on Eighth Page.)

## TORNADO STRIKES CENTRAL CITY.

### Terrific Wind Storm Unroofs Many Houses and Smashes Plate Windows.

Central City, Ky., April 5.—at 11 o'clock this morning a tornado struck Central City causing much damage to trees and shrubbery, a property loss of perhaps \$2,000, and injured one lady seriously. The weather had been threatening, but just before the wind struck the town the atmosphere was clearer than it had been all morning.

In an instant signs were torn from business houses, and whirled round and round until they struck a solid object. The roof of the new brick building of S. J. Cates on Broad street was partly torn off.

A large metal stack torn from some building was carried with immense force straight up Broad street until it struck the large plate glass window of the Barnes Mercantile building. The window was completely demolished. The roof on the large warehouse of T. Q. Fortney, located on Center street, was torn off, and the heavy plate glass windows blown out.

The roof of the barn in which the handsome bay horses of the Moore Undertaking establishment were housed, was blown away and one of the horses injured. The worst damage was just at the foot of First street as that street goes into the South Carrollton and Greenville road.

Two houses of Mrs. Lillie Mann were blown off their foundation ten feet, and left flat on the ground, crumbling the chimneys as though they were made of sand.

The house of Joe Monaghan was unroofed, the porch twisted from the front and the doors broken in. At the residence of David Noffsinger the wind lifted the front porch from the front of the house, carried it over the house and deposited directly in the back. The work was as neatly done as though by carpenters.

The heavy windows in the front of the residence of David Salsberg were destroyed, every particle of the glass was sucked out into the wind, not a particle of glass was left on the inside. The small storehouse on the grounds of the Kentucky Midland was completely demolished, the walls falling out, and the roof dropping in. Their dwelling was also badly injured.

The most ludicrous feature of the whole storm was the action of the large gray horse of Dr. Oreal. John Cates, a fourteen-year-old boy, had started from the postoffice, two blocks distant, and caught the tornado on Broad street. The horse, though weighing 1,200 pounds, was caught up and together with buggy and boy was swung over into a vacant lot, striking a telephone pole in its passage and tearing off one wheel. The boy was dropped on a pile of fishing poles, and when the horse could not reach the ground, it buck-jumped as fast as it could until finally reaching the ground, it started to run, and ran for thirty minutes.

## CONTEMPLATE GREAT CELEBRATION

### Completion of Canal Will be Marked by Exposition.

### Ballinger-Pinchot Committee Sees Lively Tilt Between Attorney and Chairman.

Washington, D. C., April 2.—It is probable that in the summer of 1915 at the completion of the most stupendous work ever undertaken by man, a ship-waterway connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans at Panama, there will be a great celebration in Washington taking the form of an international fair and exposition. The city of Washington, assisted by Senators and Representatives from Maryland and Virginia and also to some extent favored by the eastern states, attempted twenty years ago to secure an international exposition at the capital of the United States, but after considerable work had been done, a powerful lobby of Chicagoans got the ear of Congress and calmly carried the big show to Chicago. This was the quadrennial of the discovery of America. Twenty years ago Washington was little prepared for a great exposition such as have been held often in Paris, twice in Vienna, in London, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, Buffalo, New Orleans and Atlanta, but now the capital city is at least twice as capable in entertaining and lodging capacity as she was in 1890. Since then a Union railway station, the finest in the States, if not in the world, has been built; many new hotels have been erected, hundreds of apartment houses have sprung up and electric railways reaching to all parts of the surrounding country and towns have made, as it were, one city of Washington, Baltimore, Alexandria, Rockville, Fyattsville, Takoma, Chevy Chase and Falls Church, thus taking in, as it were, an area capable of offering accommodations to a half million visitors. But the greatest improvement reclamation of the Potomac Flats and their transformation into a beautiful park in the center of the city, as it were, for this park lies between Pennsylvania Avenue the White House and the Potomac River. The park is perfectly level, of ample area, and admirably adapted as a show ground or site for a world's fair. At Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis it was necessary to travel for miles from the city in order to reach the expositions, and the fatigue suffered and the time lost going from lodgings to the fair and returning greatly interfered with the enjoyment and the educational benefits that might have been derived. The Potomac Park is in easy walking distance from the center of the city and easily accessible by already established street car lines from all parts of the surrounding country.

There is a plan to secure, if possible, ex-President Roosevelt as president of the exposition. Leading business and professional men in Washington have united in an effort to secure his acceptance. The Board of Trade, the Chamber of Commerce and other citizens' associations of the district are interested in the movement and there is strong probability that the greatest of human undertakings will be celebrated at the capital of the country most vitally interested in the completion of the Inter-oceanic Canal.

The events of the week in Congress have been interesting, but not particularly sensational. Mr. Root has finished his speech upon the administration railroad bill in which he expounded the Constitutional question involved and made the important admission that there were certain carriers in the country that would be exempt from the operations of the sections regulating stocks and bond issues.

The Senate committee investigating the high cost of living of which Senator Lodge is chairman, found a pretty tough witness in Wallace Pierce of Boston, yesterday. Mr. Pierce insisted that the tariff had advanced prices and when asked for specific instances he promptly gave them, citing a number of articles in common use on which the prices had been advanced, due, he said, to the Payne-Aldrich bill.

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### Pleasant Surprise.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church at Beaver Dam gave a most enjoyable surprise dinner to Mrs. J. A. King, one of the members of the society, on last Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. The occasion being Mrs. King's birthday. Mrs. King is known in Hartford and is the mother of R. W. King, the jeweler. To make the surprise more complete the members of the society did not assemble at the residence at the regular noon hour, but waited until the afternoon when Mrs. King had gone to a neighbors. Naturally she was greatly surprised when she returned home, after being sent for. The dining table was laden with things most tempting to the appetite, and the occasion was one long to be remembered by Mrs. King. All of the children of Mr. and Mrs. King were present with the exception of one daughter, Mrs. Lola Igleheart, of Oklahoma.

## COMMITTEE CLOSES DEAL FOR GRADERS.

### Makes Thorough Investigation of Various Machines Before Purchasing.

The committee appointed at the January term of the Fiscal Court to purchase road graders has closed a deal for them. The following report to the Fiscal Court embraces details of the transaction.

To the Fiscal Court of Ohio county:—We, the undersigned, constituting the committee heretofore appointed to purchase eight road machines to be used in working the roads in Ohio county, beg leave to report that after thorough investigation of the machines manufactured by four machine companies, viz: Perfection Machine Company, The Austin-Western Machine Company, The Indiana Road Machine Company and the J. D. Adams Road Machine Company, we have purchased eight machines from the J. D. Adams Company, consideration \$250.00 each. We purchased said machines after having seen the various machines manufactured by these companies operated and being satisfied that the Adams Machine will do the most work of the best class at the least expense to the county. We found that said machines run lighter, move more dirt and leave the road in a better condition than either of the other machines investigated. We also found that said machines will do a class of work, to-wit: Widen the roads by cutting down adjacent banks in a more satisfactory manner than either of the other machines and that the machines purchased were the most practical machines investigated for use in Ohio County.

We found that we could purchase the Austin Machine or the National Machine at considerable less than that given for the Adams machine, the Perfection machine being about the same price as the one purchased, but we were of the opinion that the machine purchased would be worth much more than the difference in the price of the machines to Ohio county.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. E. SMITH,  
O. E. SCOTT,  
W. B. TAYLOR,  
Committee.

### Commercial Club Meeting.

There will be a special call meeting of the Hartford Commercial Club at the court house here next Friday night. Important business will come up, of interest to every citizen. Let there be a large attendance. Come and bring a friend.

T. R. BARNARD, Pres't.

## ROAD WORKING PLAN AMENDED

### Parties May Pay Release Price Before Grade Comes.

### Reports are to The Effect That Plan is Meeting Approval of Everybody.

The Fiscal Court of Ohio county met in regular session at the courthouse in Hartford, Tuesday, all of the Justices, viz: B. S. Chamberlain, J. C. Jackson, John H. Miles, O. E. Scott, M. C. Cook, T. S. Sanders, C. V. Miles and J. L. Patton being present. Judge R. R. Wedding and County Attorney C. E. Smith were also present. Routine work has claimed attention of the court for the greater part of the session. The matters of detail in working the roads under the new plan was gone over and the previous order concerning same was amended to show that the \$1.50 which each road hand may pay and be released from road working for a year is to become due and payable when warned to work by the district overseer, and the overseer is authorized to warn said hands at any time he deems proper to do so. This amendment relieves the necessity of waiting until the road working crew reaches the section of the road on which the hand is assigned to work before payment of him may be demanded.

Road Supervisor, W. B. Taylor reported that contracts had been made in five of the eight districts for the teams to pull the graders during the season. The magistrates reported that overseers and operators had been recommended in nearly all of the districts. It only remains now for the contracts for pulling graders to be closed in the three remaining districts, and the arrival of the machines for the work to begin in every part of the county. Reports from the magistrates are to the effect that the plan is meeting with the approval of the people almost universally, most everyone being delighted with the idea of being released from road working on the payment of \$1.50.

The Fiscal Court yesterday, observed the operation of a gasoline traction engine by the International Harvester Company of America, with a view of ascertaining the advisability of purchasing one or more of these machines to pull road graders with. An expression has not been heard from all of the magistrates with reference to the matter, but it is hardly probable that any engines will be purchased at this season. They were well pleased with the work of the machines, but the outlay for same will be considerable and it is rather the opinion that the funds should be expended this year at least in placing the roads in as good condition as possible.

Supervisor, W. B. Taylor, has the road matter well in hand and he together with the overseers and co-operation of the magistrates in the various districts will, we predict do the county splendid work with highly satisfactory results.

A committee from the Town of Fordsville, composed of Messrs. W. S. Gaines and — Godsey reported to the court that the town had accepted the proposition of the Fiscal Court to the effect that it would build a mile of turn pike roads from the city limits, if the town would pike its main streets to the limits thereof. It is deemed best however, before the county builds the pike adjacent to Fordsville, that steps be taken to change the road to better ground, the present road bed being so located that a pike on same would be impracticable.

### A Hotly Contested Road Case.

The petition of R. I. Barnard and others for the establishment of a new road in the South-eastern part of the county was tried before Judge Wedding Monday. The case had been stubbornly fought between the petitioners and a small faction of the land owners for almost a year. The viewers reported establishing the road some months ago and fixed amount of damages to the various property owners who had not given the right of way, and to their report a part of the property

owners filed exceptions, being represented by attorneys Heavenin & Woodward, J. P. Sandefur and Mack Porter, while the applicants were represented by attorneys Barnett & Smith. The case was submitted to a jury and after being out only a short time they returned a verdict sustaining the report of the viewers in practically every point, and ordered the road opened.

### Death of Lon B. Davis.

Mr. Lon B. Davis died at his residence on Griffin Street, Tuesday morning about five o'clock after a lingering illness. A post mortem examination by doctors Ford, Riley, Wedding and Taylor revealed the fact that Mr. Davis' death was due to cancer of the stomach and liver. He was in the 46th year of his age and was a good industrious quiet citizen. He leaves a wife, two sons and a daughter, besides numerous friends and relatives to mourn his death. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. R. D. Bennet and J. W. Bruner at Mr. Herman church at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon after which the interment took place in the cemetery nearby.

### Runaway Boy Returns.

Some weeks ago we gave an account of four boys leaving their homes near Hefflin, the sons of Messrs. Joseph Thomason, Eli Chinn and N. M. Russell. All the boys returned within a few days except young Paul Russell, and his continued absence caused his parents untold worry. Mr. Russell having employed every means to obtain some clue to his whereabouts. He was doubtless more worried than the others, because of the extreme tender age of the boy, as he was much younger than the others. After having sent Mr. John Johnson, a neighbor, to a number of cities and towns in the southern part of the state where it was thought the boy, or some trace of him might be found, he had post card photographs made and also a cut for newspaper and poster use and



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had taken steps to offer a reward and flood the country with posters, hoping thereby to find his son. On Tuesday evening a telephone message announced that the wandering boy was returning home and had reached Utica in Daviess county. The glad tidings being sent by young Samuels, a cousin, who met up with Russell by accident at Utica. The boy was soon at home with his happy parents, brothers and sisters, where a glad family reunion took place, the wanderer detailing his many experiences and hardships with the promise that he would never undertake such a trip again. He had been in Hopkinsville, Princeton, Paducah, Harrisburg, Indiana and quite a number of other towns in the past two weeks and reported that he had only slept in a bed one night.

Sometimes boys necessarily must take some severe lessons before they are able to appreciate home and loved ones and it is hoped that these boys have had an experience which will be of much benefit to them throughout life.

### CEDAR GROVE.

April 7.—Bro. Harper, Beaver Dam, filled his regular appointment at this place Sunday and Sunday night.

Mrs. Lou Berkley is visiting her brother, Mr. John Henry Thomas, at Narrows, this week.

Prof. Leslie Greer, of Bowling Green visited Miss Maggie Wedding Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Kate and Lydia Daniel are visiting their parents at Leithfield this week.

Farmers in this community are very busy preparing to plant corn.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Boswell visited Mrs. Boswell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mitchell, Saturday night and Sunday.

We are glad to know that the Road and Bridge Commissioner, Mr. Nat Boswell, is building new bridges in this community as they are certainly needed.